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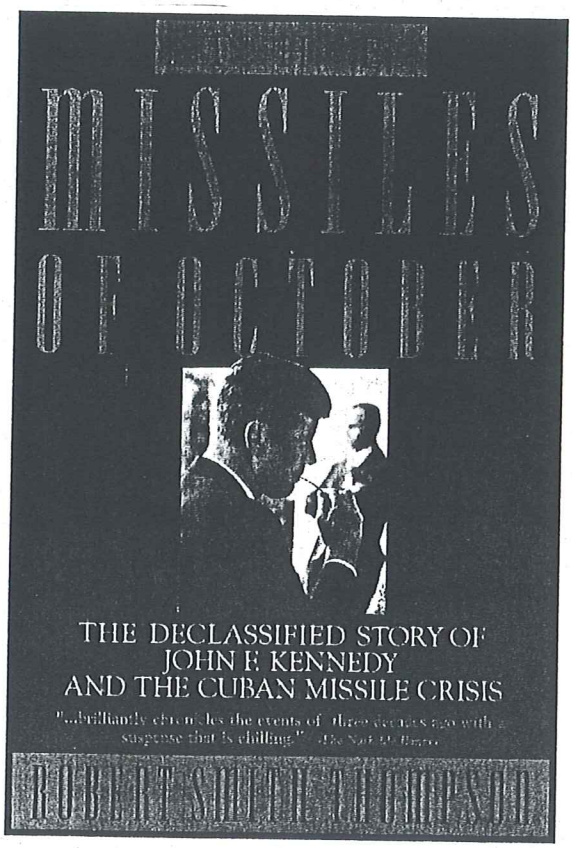

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With the skill of a novelist and a historian's rigor Thompson sheds light on one of the darkest moments i recent history.

A Professor of International Relations at the University o South Carolina, **Robert Smith Thompson** is also the author of *Pledge to Destiny* and *A Time for War.*

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